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Hon. Margaret M. Garnett, U.S.D.J. United States District Court Southern District of New York 40 Centre Street, Room 906 New York, New York 10007

Re: Darko v. Graham et al., Case No. 1:23-CV-03232 (JMF)

Dear Judge Garnett:

The undersigned counsel represents Plaintiff Michael Elliot Kwabena Okyere Darko (p/k/a Obrafour) ("Plaintiff") in the above captioned matter. We write pursuant to Your Honor's Order dated September 16, 2024 (ECF 140) and Your Honor's Order dated November 18, 2024 (ECF 142) to respectfully provide a letter detailing the status of the Ghanaian action between Plaintiff and non-party Mantse Aryeequaye's ("Mantse").

On June 9, 2025, Accra's High Court of Justice (the "Ghanaian Court") issued a ruling denying Plaintiff's application to dismiss Mantse's case, finding that unresolved questions of fact preclude dismissal at this stage. The Ghanaian Court noted, however, that the legal issues raised in the application may be revisited at trial. The case has now entered the pre-trial phase, during which pre-trial conferences are being held to prepare for trial and explore potential avenues for alternative dispute resolution. If the matter proceeds to trial, the Ghanaian Court will schedule it for a date within the next legal year, and the parties may request expedited proceedings.

The undersigned counsel for Plaintiff will respectfully provide another status update no later than sixty (60) days from today's date – namely on September 16, 2025 – unless the Ghanaian matter is resolved or disposed prior to said date. As per Your Honor's September 16, 2024, Order, the undersigned counsel for Plaintiff will also respectfully provide a status update regarding any dispositive resolution of the action in Ghana within seven days of any such resolution, should the Ghanaian Court reach any determination of that nature.

We appreciate the Court's consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Imran H. Ansari